

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A data carrier comprising demonstration control data configured to control a demonstration of an inherent function of a playback device wherein the inherent function includes use of an external data network and wherein the data carrier is configured to simulate access to the external data network regardless of whether the external data network is currently available.

2. (Previously presented) The data carrier of claim 1, wherein demonstration data are provided for the demonstration of the inherent function of the playback device, wherein the demonstration data includes virtual data to emulate the external data network.

3. (Previously presented) The data carrier of claim 1 or claim 2, wherein the data carrier is an optical disc readable in an optical way.

4. (Previously presented) The data carrier of claim 3, wherein the data carrier is in accordance with a CD-ROM standard.

5. (Previously presented) The data carrier of claim 1, wherein the demonstration control data are constructed as a script file.

6. (Previously presented) The data carrier of claim 2, wherein the demonstration data are provided in a compressed format.

7. (Previously presented) A playback device comprising:

at least one signal processing means for processing a signal;
switching means for switching the playback device into a demonstration mode in which a demonstration of an inherent function of the playback device can be performed;

supply means for supplying demonstration data for the demonstration including emulation of data from an external data network regardless of whether the external data network is currently available;

data reading means for reading demonstration control data of a data carrier which comprises demonstration control data for

performing the demonstration including emulating accessing the external data network;

processing means for processing the demonstration control data such that the demonstration data are transmittable to the at least one signal processing means during processing of the demonstration control data.

8. (Previously presented) The playback device of claim 7, wherein the reading means are constructed for reading an optically readable medium.

9. (Previously presented) The playback device of claim 7, wherein the reading means are constructed for reading the data carrier in accordance with a CD-ROM standard.

10. (Previously presented) The playback device of claim 7, wherein the data carrier is removable.

11. (Previously presented) The playback device of claim 7, wherein the supply means are formed by the reading means, while said reading means in addition are designed for reading the

demonstration data for the demonstration of an inherent function of the playback device wherein the inherent function includes use of an external data network.

12. (Previously presented) The playback device of claim 7, wherein the processing means are constructed for processing demonstration control data in the form of a script file.

13. (Previously presented) The playback device of claim 10, wherein recognition means are provided for recognizing the removable data carrier.

14. (Previously Presented) The data carrier of Claim 1, wherein the inherent function includes interaction with a user.

15. (Currently amended) A data carrier comprising demonstration control data configured to control a demonstration of an inherent function of a playback device wherein the inherent function includes interaction with a user and wherein the data carrier is configured to simulate accessing an external data network

regardless of whether the external data network is currently available.

16. (Currently amended) The data carrier of claim 14, wherein demonstration data are provided for the demonstration of the inherent function of the playback device, wherein the demonstration data includes virtual data to emulate access to ~~an~~the external data network.

17. (New) The data carrier of claim 1, further configured to simulate access to the external data network by simulating a connecting process over a network interface to the external data network.

18. (New) The data carrier of claim 1, further configured to simulate a waiting time for access to network services.

19. (New) The data carrier of claim 15, further configured to simulate access to the external data network by simulating a connecting process over a network interface to the external data network.

20. (New) The data carrier of claim 15, further configured to simulate a waiting time for access to network services.